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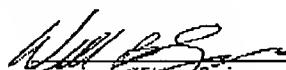
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 AND METHOD FOR INFORMATION RETRIEVAL  
 Customer No.: 23483

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RESPONSE to RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT and AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 9, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Election** begin on page 9 of this paper.